



## **Request for City Council Committee Action from the Department of Emergency Preparedness & Regulatory Services**

Date: January 23, 2008

To: CM Samuels, Chair, Public Safety and Regulatory Services Committee

**Subject: Emergency Operations Plan (EOP)**

**Recommendation: Approve 2008 Emergency Operations Plan (EOP)**

### **Previous Directives:**

**-April 2, 2004 Approve Revised EOP to include Terrorism Annex**

**-September 27, 1996 Approve EOP**

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Approved by: Rocco Forte, Assistant City Coordinator Emergency Preparedness &  
Regulatory Services

Presenters in Committee: Rocco Forte

### **Reviews**

- Permanent Review Committee (PRC): Approval \_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_
- Policy Review Group (PRG): Approval \_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### **Financial Impact**

- No financial impact
- Action requires an appropriation increase to the \_\_\_\_ Capital Budget or \_\_\_\_ Operating Budget
- Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase
- Action requires use of contingency or reserves
- Action is within the Business Plan
- Action requires a change to the Business Plan
- Other financial impact
- Request provided to the Finance Department when provided to the Committee Coordinator

**Community Impact**

- Neighborhood Notification--NA
- City Goals
- Comprehensive Plan-NA
- Zoning Code-NA
- Other

**Supporting Information**

The primary purpose of this plan is to provide a guideline for emergency operations in the City of Minneapolis. It is intended to assist key city officials and emergency organizations to carry out their responsibilities for the protection of life and property under a wide range of emergency conditions.

Although an organization may have the foresight to plan for anticipated situations, such planning is of little value if the planning is not documented in written form. Personnel familiar with unwritten plans may be unavailable at the very time it becomes necessary to implement them. A written plan will furnish a documentary record that can be referred to as needed. The documentary record will serve to refresh the knowledge of key individuals and can be used to inform any persons who become the responsible parties in their absence.

**Reason for the Plan**

Tornadoes, floods, blizzards and other natural disasters can affect the City of Minneapolis. In addition, major disasters such as transportation accidents, explosions, accidental releases of hazardous materials and national security emergencies pose a potential threat to public health and safety in Minneapolis. Terrorist events involving Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) are also a threat. An emergency plan is needed to insure the protection of the public from the effects of these hazards.

**Purpose of the Plan**

The City has many capabilities and resources that could be used in the response to any major disaster. These include the facilities, equipment, personnel and skills of both government and non-government professions and groups. The purpose of this plan is to promote the effective, coordinated use of these resources to:

- Maximize the protection of life and property;
- Ensure the continuity of government; and,
- Provide support to all areas of the city which require assistance.

The actions outlined in this emergency operations plan constitute the existing policy of the City of Minneapolis in response to a disastrous emergency.

